South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management 104 Parker Drive Beaufort, South Carolina 29906

and

Charleston District, Corps of Engineers 69-A Hagood Avenue Charleston, South Carolina 29403

March 22, 2013

Joint Permit Application Public Notice

Town of Hilton Head Island, 2012-00022-1W

The Department has received an application for a permit for the alteration of a critical area. The application was submitted pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act (Act 123) of 1977 South Carolina General Assembly. The application in brief, is described as follows:

Applicant:

Town of Hilton Head Island

Location:

On and adjacent to Skull Creek at 137 Squire Pope Rd., Hilton Head Island, Beaufort County, South Carolina. TMS: R511-007-000-004G-0000,

R511-007-000-004D-0000.

Work:

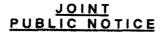
The work as proposed consists of constructing an 8' x 200' walkway, with handrails, leading to a 20' x 93' pierhead that is designed to provide clear carry access for rowing sculls as well as offer a designated public fishing and crabbing area. On the north side of the pierhead, an ADA-compliant 8' x 80' gangway will access an 18' x 150' floating dock. The design of the floating dock is proposed for easy berthing for non-motorized sculls and sailing vessels. In addition, the applicant requests to remove concrete rubble from an 868 square foot area adjacent to the proposed walkway. The work as described is for the use of local sailing and rowing organizations and the general public.

This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons and agencies to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the Department can be based. Comments concerning the proposed work must be submitted in writing, setting forth sufficient detail to furnish a clear understanding of the reasons for support or opposition.

Comments regarding this application must be received by the Department on or before April 21, 2013. For more information, please contact Paul Wojoski at 843-846-9400 or via email at wojoskpa@dhec.sc.gov.

Note:

Plans depicting the proposed work are available and will be provided upon receipt of a written request or may be viewed on the Department website at www.scdhec.gov/environment/ocrm/public_notice.htm



CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS 69A Hagood Avenue Charleston, South Carolina 29403-5107

and

THE S.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management 1362 McMillan Avenue, Suite 400 Charleston, South Carolina 29405

REGULATORY DIVISION

Refer to: P/N#

-2012-00022-1W

20 MARCH 2013

Pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403), and the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Act (48-39-10 et.seq.) an application has been submitted to the Department of the Army and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control by

> TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND c/o APPLIED TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT, INC. **POST OFFICE BOX 20336** CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA 29413-0336

for a permit to construct a community fixed pier and floating dock in waters of

SKULL CREEK

at a location adjacent to a 7.51 acre tract consisting of five parcels of land on Squire Pope Road, Hilton Head Island, Beaufort County, South Carolina (Latitude 32.224312°, Longitude -80.756311°)

In order to give all interested parties an opportunity to express their views

NOTICE

is hereby given that written statements regarding the proposed work will be received by the Corps until

15 days from the date of this notice

from those interested in the activity and whose interests may be affected by the proposed work.

The proposed work consists of the construction of an 8' x 200' fixed timber walkway that leads to a 20' x 93' pier head that is designed to provide clearance for rowing skulls, kayaks and sailing vessels and to provide public fishing and crabbing areas at the same time as shown on sheet 4, 5 and 6 of 7. On the north side of the pierhead, an 8' x 80' gangway is proposed that will lead to an 18' x 150' floating dock with a low free-board and according to the applicant is for use by the local sailing and rowing organizations. The south side of the pierhead consists of a 30' x 20' area designated for crabbing and fishing as shown on sheets 5 and 6 of 7 and according to the applicant is for use by the general public. In addition, the applicant has requested to remove concrete rubble from an 868 square foot area located below the SCDHEC, OCRM critical line next to the walkway.

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NOTE: Plans depicting the work described in this notice are available and will be provided, upon receipt of a written request, to anyone that is interested in obtaining a copy of the plans for the specific project. The request must identify the project of interest by public notice number and a self-addressed stamped envelope must also be provided for mailing the drawings to you. Your request for drawings should be addressed to the

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ATTN: REGULATORY DIVISION 69A Hagood Avenue Charleston, South Carolina 29403-5107

The work shown on this application must also be certified as consistent with applicable provisions of the Coastal Zone Management Program (15 CFR 930). The District Engineer will not process this application to a conclusion until such certification is received. The applicant is hereby advised that supplemental information may be required by the State to facilitate the review. Persons wishing to comment or object to State certification must submit all comments in writing to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control at the above address within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice.

This initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Implementation of the proposed project would impact 0.03 acres of estuarine substrates and emergent wetlands utilized by various life stages of species comprising the red drum, shrimp, and snapper-grouper management complexes. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial individual or cumulative adverse impact on EFH or fisheries managed by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS.

The District Engineer has consulted the most recently available information and has determined that the project will have no effect on any Federally listed endangered, threatened, or proposed species and will not result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated or proposed critical habitat. This public notice serves as a request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service for any additional information they may have on whether any listed or proposed endangered or threatened species or designated or proposed critical habitat may be present in the area which would be affected by the activity, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (as amended).

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), this public notice also constitutes a request to Indian Tribes to notify the District Engineer of any historic properties of religious and cultural significance to them that may be affected by the proposed undertaking.

In accordance with the NHPA, the District Engineer has also consulted the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places for the presence or absence of registered properties, or properties listed as being eligible for inclusion therein, and this worksite is not included as a registered property or property listed as being eligible for inclusion in the Register. To insure that other cultural resources that the District Engineer is not aware of are not overlooked, this public notice also serves as a request to the State Historic Preservation Office to provide any information it may have with regard to historic and cultural resources.

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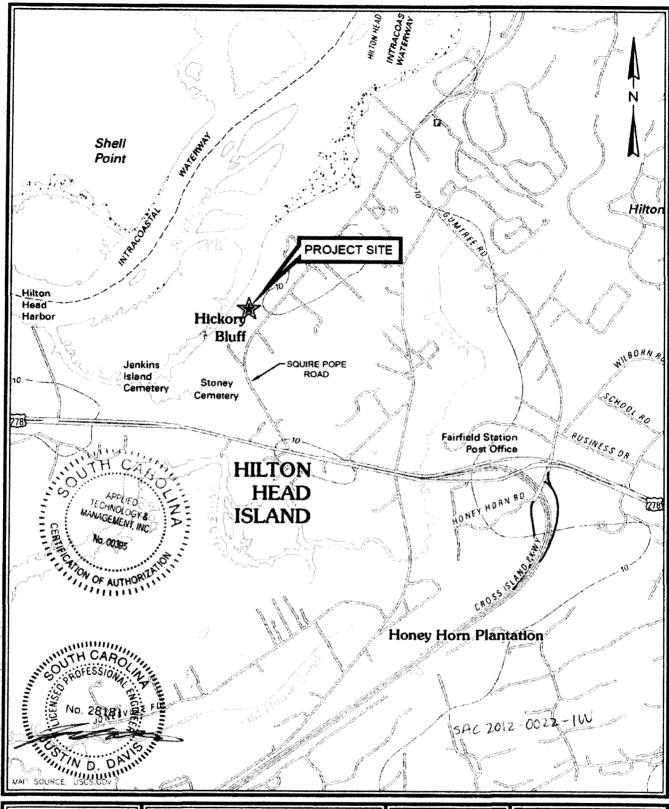
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the project must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the project will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. A permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest. In cases of conflicting property rights, the Corps of Engineers cannot undertake to adjudicate rival claims.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this project. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the activity.

If there are any questions concerning this public notice, please contact Debbie King at 843-329-8044 or toll free at 1-866-329-8187.

Paul Wojoski SCHEC-OCPM Project Manager 843-846-9480





PROJECT LOCATION

Rowing and Sailing Center Beafort County, South Carolina WATERBODY: SKULL CREEK

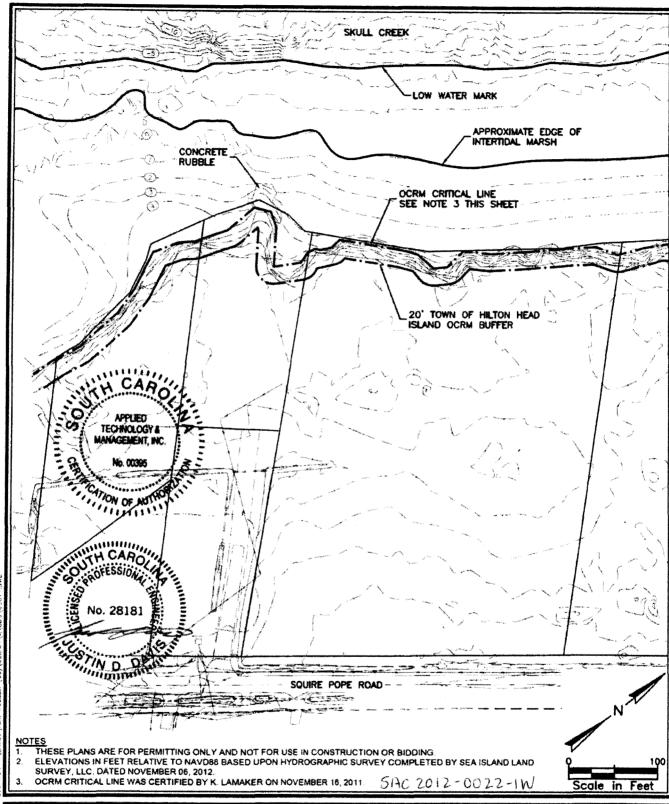
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ISSUE DATE: 02-26-2010

SHEET NUMBER: 1

LAT: 32" 13' 29" N; LONG: 80" 45' 28" W

APPLICANT INFORMATION TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND





EXISTING CONDITIONS PROJECT SITE

Rowing and Sailing Center Beafort County, South Carolina

WATERBODY: SKULL CREEK

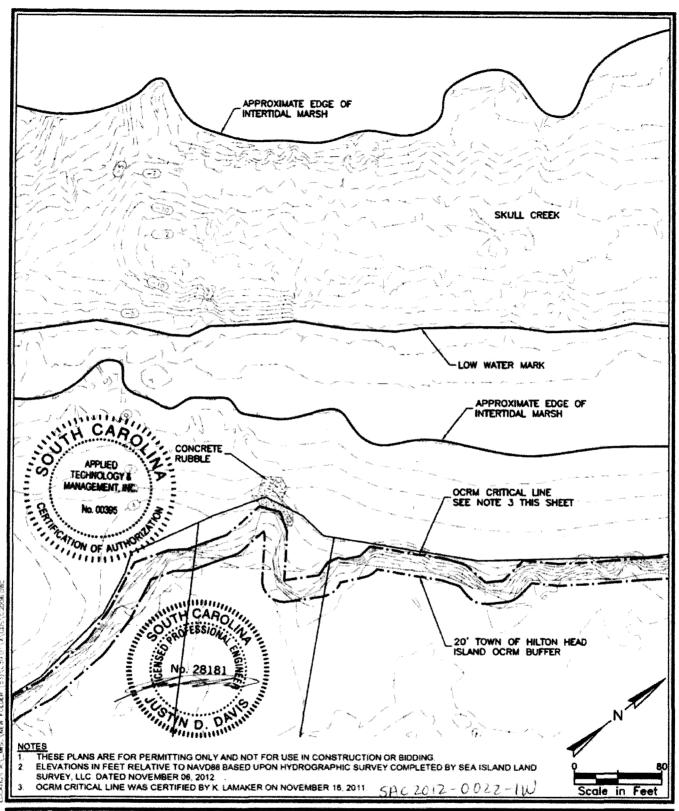
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ISSUE DATE: 02-28-2010

SHEET NUMBER: 2

LAT: 32" 13' 29" N; LONG: 80' 45' 28" W

APPLICANT INFORMATION





EXISTING CONDITIONS DOCK LOCATION

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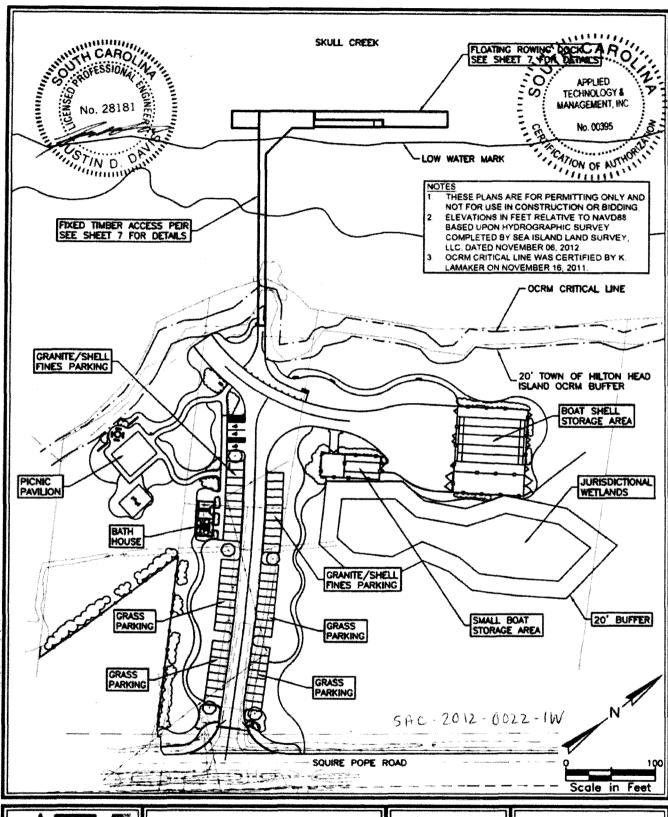
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ISSUE DATE: 02-28-2010

SHEET NUMBER: 3

LAT: 32" 13" 29" N; LONG: 80" 45" 28" W

APPLICANT INFORMATION
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PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS
PROJECT SITE

Rowing and Sailing Center Beafort County, South Carolina

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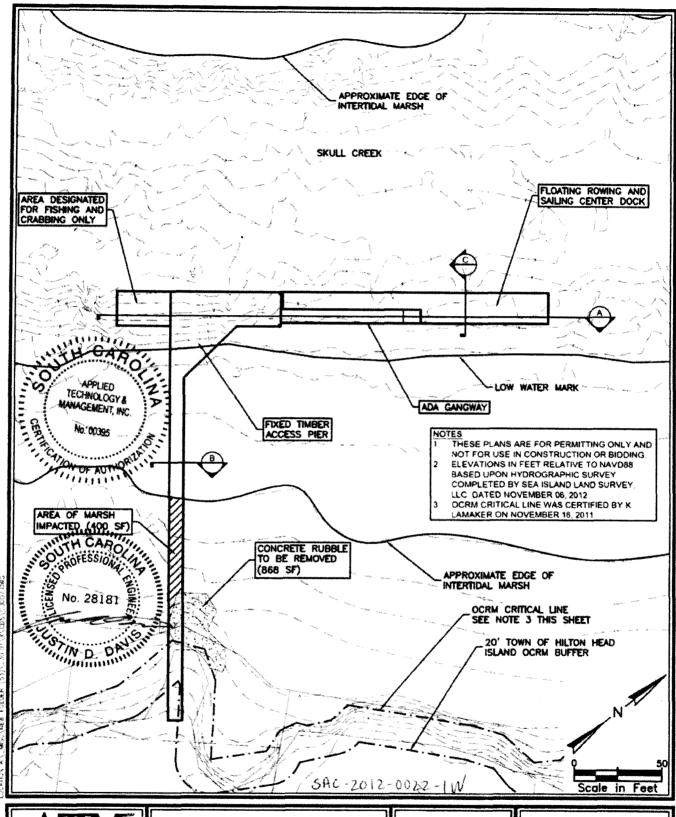
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SHEET NUMBER: 4

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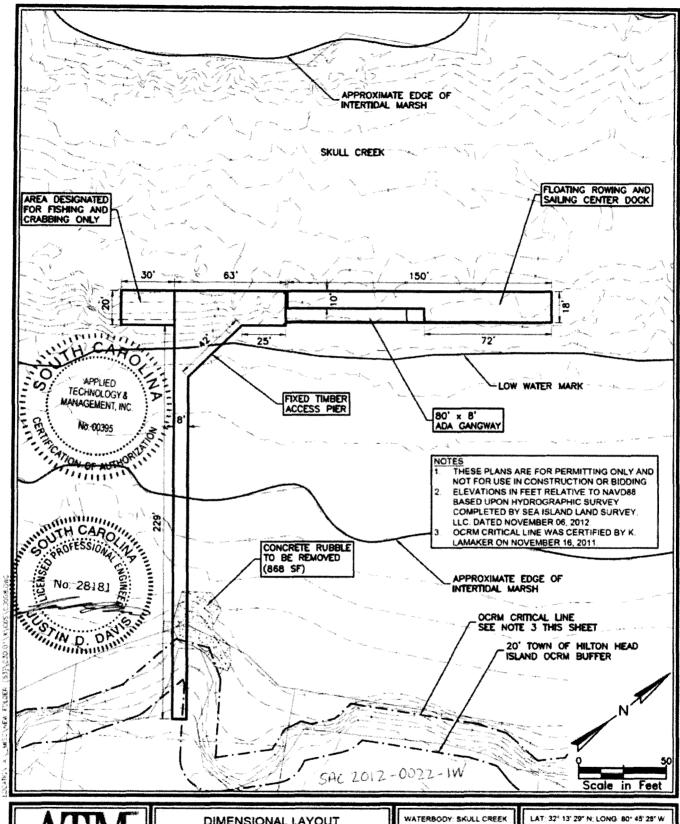
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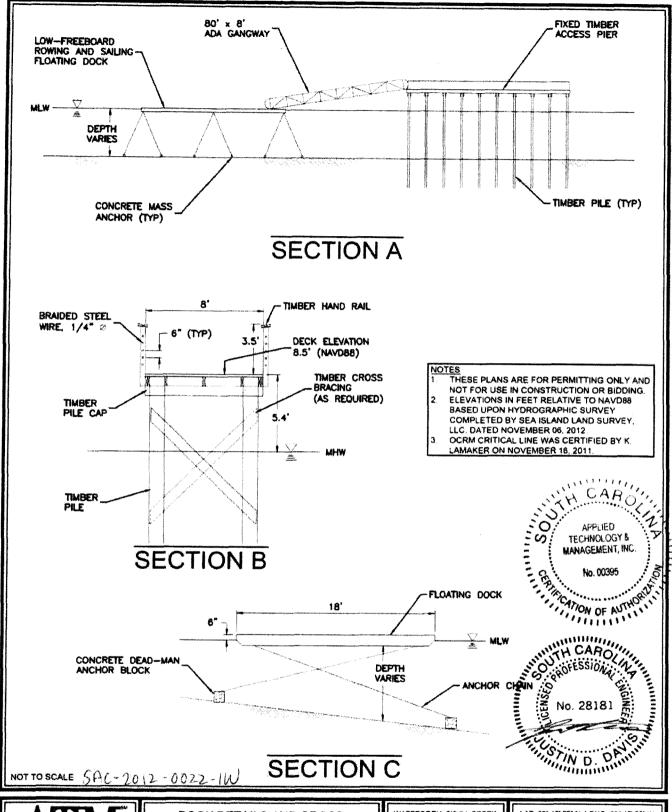
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APPLICANT INFORMATION TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND ONE TOWN CENTER COURT HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC 29928





DOCK DETAILS AND CROSS SECTIONS

Rowing and Sailing Center Beafort County, South Carolina WATERBODY SKULL CREEK JOB NUMBER: 12-2433

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